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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/214,840 Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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For: MOULDED ARTICLES OF CELLULOSE HYDRATE WITH
ENZYMATICALLY MODIFIED SURFACEINFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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As Applicants are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is respectfully requested that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of modified Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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